

**COMMITTEE ON FINANCE**  
**(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)**

Chairman: Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, District No. 5  
Members: Mr. Milton Farley, District No. 1  
Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2  
Mr. William E. Crosby, District No. 3  
Mr. Charles E. Davis, District No. 4  
Mrs. Judy C. Mims, District No. 6  
Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr. District No. 7  
Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., District No. 8  
Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The COMMITTEE ON FINANCE met on Monday, March 19, 2001, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 7:41 p.m.

PRESENT: Mr. Steve M. Vaughn, Councilmember District No. 5, Chairman; Mr. Milton Farley, Councilmember District No. 1; Mrs. Judith K. Spooner, District No. 2; Mr. William E. Crosby, Councilmember District No. 3; Mr. Charles E. Davis, Councilmember District No. 4; Mrs. Judy C. Mims, Councilmember District No. 6; Mr. Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Councilmember District No. 7; Mr. Henry L. Richardson, Jr., Councilmember District No. 8; and Mr. Mark Stokes, County Attorney. Mr. James H. Rozier, Jr., Supervisor, ex officio

The requirements of the Freedom of Information Act have been complied with by posting the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting of Berkeley County Council at the entrance to the Berkeley County Office Building, 223 N. Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, and a copy of such notice was mailed to all Councilmembers and the News media.

Chairman Vaughn called the meeting to order; first on the agenda was Spike Roberts, Berkeley County Veterans Affairs, Re: Salary upgrade.

Councilmember Spooner, interjected that she did a survey of other counties of comparable size to Berkeley County in reference to the salaries of several positions. She stated that if \$3000.00 were added to this salary it would be brought up to the salary of comparable counties.

Councilmember Spooner so moved for this increase, seconded by Councilmember Farley, and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Chairman Vaughn stated that next on the agenda was Elizabeth Harper, Chief Magistrate, Re: Additional funds for miscellaneous PC, equipment, software and services.

Mr. Elizabeth Harper addressed the Council, indicating that Mr. Rozier asked her to give this to John Hamer to open up for proposals. Ms. Harper stated that she is asking for additional funds in the amount of \$70,800.40 for the new software package needed for the Magistrate's offices in Berkeley County.

Chairman Vaughn mentioned that the main concern of Council was if this package couldn't wait until the next budget year.

Ms. Harper expressed that it could not wait, as was explained earlier; the service contract will expire soon.

Councilmember Spooner stated that the County did not have that amount of money in the contingency, but there is money in supplemental appropriations, which will provide the money needed.

Councilmember Spooner moved for the amount of \$70,800.40 be transferred from contingency; seconded by Councilmember Crosby; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item C Consideration of a Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of a millage rate agreement by and between Berkeley County, South Carolina, and MVP Group International, Inc. relating to a project involving not less than Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) investment.

Councilmember Crosby moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner, and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Item D Consideration of an Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of the transfer of authority for conducting municipal elections in the Town of Moncks Corner to the Berkeley County Voter Registration and Election Commission; to define the powers, duties and responsibilities assumed by the Berkeley County Voter Registration and Election Commission for the conduct of Municipal Elections in the Town of Moncks Corner; to provide for reimbursement of all cost and expenses incurred by the Berkeley County Voter Registration and Election Commission in the conduct of such municipal elections; and to provide for other matters relating thereto.

Councilmember Mims moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Farley.

Councilmember Crosby asked if there was anyone that could give more information about issue?

Mr. Mark Stokes, County Attorney, stated that the Town of Moncks Corner had passed an Ordinance to transfer authority from their Municipal Election Commission to the County Board, in that Ordinance they have repealed their Town Election Commission. Legislature last year enacted new legislation that allowed for the transfer from the Cities to the County Board of Voter Registration and Elections. This County can accept that authority, and an agreement needs to be worked out and executed between the Town and the County regarding the reimbursement for costs. The Town would pay for everything. It eliminates the Town from having to have an Election Commission in house.

Councilmember Crosby moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner, and passed by voice vote of Committee.

Item E Review prior to Second Reading of Bill No. 01-3, and Ordinance to amend ordinance No. 00-6-38, adopted June 26, 2000, to provide for supplemental appropriations and allocations thereof within the 2000-2001 budget for Berkeley County, and other matters pertaining thereto.

Councilmember Spooner moved to approve; seconded by Councilmember Farley; and passed by voice vote of Committee.

Item F Review prior to Third Reading of Bill No. 00-73, and Ordinance authorizing the execution and delivery of a Tax agreement by and among Berkeley County, South Carolina, and MVP Group International, Inc., which was formerly know as Project WICK; and other matters relating thereto including, without limitation, payment of a fee in lieu of taxes.

Councilmember Davis moved to approve; seconded by Councilmember Crosby; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Next on the agenda is REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Committee on Justice and Public Safety Council Member Milton Farley, Chairman, EMS Department – Additional Funds for Department.

Councilmember Farley reported that March 12, 2001, an item was placed before the Committee on Justice and Public Safety, from EMS as a request for additional funds in the amount of \$23,750.00, which would come from contingency.

The Committee approved and Councilmember Crosby moved; seconded by Councilmember Crosby; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

2. Committee on Public Works and Purchasing Council Member William E. Crosby, Chairman, Voter Registration – Additional funds for renovations.

Councilmember Crosby, reported that the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing Council met earlier tonight and the request for additional funds in regards to voter registration and election commission building. Renovation in the amount of \$4500.00, which would come from contingency.

The Committee approved and Councilmember Crosby moved for approval; seconded by Councilmember Spooner; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

Councilmember Davis moved to adjourn; seconded by Councilmember Richardson; and passed by voice vote of the Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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There will be a Meeting of the COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, on Monday March 19, 2001, in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Office Building, 223 North Live Oak Drive, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, following the meeting of the Committee on Public Works and Purchasing, the Committee on Land Use, the Committee on Planning and Development, and Public Hearings, scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

**AGENDA**

- A. Spike Roberts, Berkeley County Veterans Affairs, Re: Salary upgrade
- B. Elizabeth Harper, Chief Magistrate, Re: Additional funds for miscellaneous PC, equipment, software and services.
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G. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

1. Committee on Justice and Public Safety  
Council Member Milton Farley, Chairman  
EMS Department – Additional funds for department.
2. Committee on Public Works and Purchasing  
Council Member William E. Crosby, Chairman  
Voter Registration – Additional funds for renovation

March 14, 2001  
S/Barbara B. Austin  
Clerk of County Council